

House okays \$100 tuition tax credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted 209-194 Thursday to allow tax credits up to \$100 against the cost of tuition charged for attending elementary and secondary private schools.

The proposal, which faces the threat of a veto by Pres. Carter, was adopted as an amendment to a bill on tax credits for college tuition.

The House then continued debate on the overall bill that would allow tax credits eventually up to \$250 for college and advanced vocational tuition.

Controversy centered largely on the

question of extending the tax aid to families with members in private elementary and secondary schools.

Rep. James Delaney, D-N.Y., insisted the proposal "is in no way anti-public schools."

But Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., said that, as written, the section referring to religious-affiliated and other private schools would allow tuition credits even if the institutions violated antidiscrimination provisions of civil rights laws.

The basic bill was put forward as a way to help middle income families, largely inelig-

ible for existing college aid, to cope with the increasing cost of higher education.

It would allow direct subtraction from income tax owed of amounts equal to 25 percent of college or other post-secondary tuition, up to a total of \$100 this fall, \$150 in 1979 and \$250 in 1980 per student. Congress would decide whether to continue the program beyond 1980.

Pending in the Senate is a bill that would allow credits of up to \$500 and include elementary and secondary tuition.

Carter has expressed strong opposition to tuition credits, especially at the lower

school levels, and has all but said he will veto any such legislation Congress is likely to pass.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill told reporters, "there is apparently a veto down the road," and said he does not think it would be overridden.

If the legislation is killed by veto, he said, a bill embodying Carter's proposal for college cost assistance is ready to be brought up. Carter proposed a \$1.2 billion expansion of existing grant and loan programs, with provisions that would enable families with income up to \$25,000 to qualify for some help.

World at a glance

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'Bugs' found in U.S. embassy

WASHINGTON — Electronic devices of "an intelligence gathering nature" were discovered in the U.S. embassy in Moscow earlier this week, a State Department spokesman said Thursday night.

Thomas Reston, the department's associate spokesman, said the devices were found last Sunday and added that a protest has been lodged with the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow.

Reston refused to give details about the exact types of devices or where in the embassy they were discovered.

Surprise searches not planned

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department will not use the authority of a new Supreme Court decision to launch surprise searches of newspaper offices, Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti said Thursday.

Civiletti said in criminal cases the government will try to obtain information from news organizations through subpoenas before seeking a search warrant. He said that was in keeping with the policy already in effect under Attorney General Griffin Bell.

However, Civiletti acknowledged, the Justice Department has no control over local police forces that may wish to obtain information from news organizations.

Israeli ambassador urges Middle East disarmament

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Israeli U.N. Ambassador Chaim Herzog called Thursday for an all-embracing Arab-Israeli disarmament conference "to break the vicious cycle of arms buildup in the Middle East."

Addressing the General Assembly's special session on disarmament, Herzog also said it is Israel's "hope and trust" there will be a resumption of the Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations which were broken off in January by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

Referring to those unprecedented talks, Herzog said Israel "believes that a similar break-through can and must occur in the field of disarmament and that another momentous step can and must be taken to break the vicious cycle of the arms buildup in the Middle East."

"While the present escalation continues, the hope for peace remains remote. It is therefore incumbent on the leaders of all states in the region to sit together and discuss proposals for a mutual and balanced reduction of forces in the Middle East."

Just hours earlier, Herzog told a television interviewer he did not believe the U.N. disarmament con-

ference would produce anything and that his country would ask the United States for more arms.

He also said on NBC's "Today" program that for almost two years after the 1973 Mideast War, a 3,000-man Cuban armored brigade was stationed on Syria's Golan Heights facing Israeli troops. A previous mention of such a Cuban force was made in Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's autobiography, but the book provided no details.

In his U.N. speech, Herzog said Israel was alarmed at a statement made by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia in an interview with Paris Match magazine April 21 that the Saudi army "can intervene wherever our national duty requires it." He said he also was concerned by reported Saudi plans to greatly expand the Tobuk airfield "just 150 miles from Eilat, Israel's Red Seaport."

In view of such things, he said, Israel will not "allow its concerns to be assuaged by well-meaning interpreters of Saudi intentions."

"Considerations of self-defense," Herzog concluded, "make it imperative for Israel to maintain its military readiness until a joint and cooperative approach to arms reductions is adopted."

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